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The Honorable President Barack Obama  
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Dear Mr. President, Mr. Reid, and Mrs. Pelosi:

The recent health care summit held at the White House provided the American people with a clear understanding of why real bi-partisan health care reform has not been achieved.

It was disappointing to hear that it is your intention to support a coordinated effort in Congress to force an up or down vote on the majority's health care bill against the clear will of the American people.

I firmly believe that you still have the opportunity to do the right thing and work with all Members of Congress on a bill that truly reflects policy reforms that are in the best interest of the American people, as opposed to an approach that will simply put the government in charge of medical decisions that should be made between patients and their doctors.

As the daughter and granddaughter of physicians and a Member of Congress representing a district that would greatly benefit from real health care reform, I urge you to reconsider your intent to move ahead with such a partisan and dangerous approach. Mr. President, I hope you will honor the promises you made to the American people to "change the way Washington works" and reach beyond partisan divisions and politics to craft a more balanced and effective bill that addresses the many serious issues facing our health care system.

Unless we find ways to meet these challenges, a major segment of our national economy will remain at risk, and the American people will be deprived of the significant reforms that are needed to ensure a robust and efficient health care delivery system.

I urge you once again to reconsider your decision to support any effort to ram this flawed legislation through Congress and instead start anew.

Sincerely,



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